

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, in this application.

1. (currently amended) A composition comprising a conjugate of (i) a photosensitiser selected from the group consisting of chlorins and phenothiaziniums and (ii) a staphylococcal bacteriophage, wherein the photosensitiser is covalently linked to the bacteriophage.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the photosensitiser is tin (IV) chlorin e6 (SnCe6).

6. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the bacteriophage is selected from the group consisting of phage 53, ~~[[75,]]~~ 79, 80, 83, ~~[[Φ11,]]~~ Φ12, Φ13, Φ147~~[[,]]~~ and ΦMR11, 48, 71, ~~Φ812, SK311, Φ131, SB-I, U16, C₄, SF370.1, SP24, SFL, A1, ATCC 12202-B1, f304L, Φ304S, Φ15, Φ16, 782, P1clr100KM, P1, T1, T3, T4, T7 MS2, P1, M13, UNL-1, ACQ, UT1, tbaID3, E79, F8, pf20-B3, F116, G101, B86, T7M, ACq, UT1, BLB, PP7, ATCC 29399-B1 and B40-8.~~

7. (currently amended) A composition according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, wherein the bacteriophage is phage 75 or phage Φ11.

8. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the photosensitiser is from 0.01 to 200 µg/ml.

9. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the bacteriophage is from 1×10^5 to 1×10^{10} pfu/ml.

10. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, which further comprises a source of Ca^{2+} ions.

11. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, in the form of a solution in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

12. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises one or more of a buffer, salt, antioxidant, preservative, gelling agent or remineralisation agent.

13. (withdrawn) A method of killing bacteria, comprising

- (a) contacting an area to be treated with a composition according to claim 1, such that any bacteria present bind to the photosensitiser-bacteriophage conjugate; and
- (b) irradiating the area with light at a wavelength absorbed by the photosensitiser.

14. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, wherein the bacteria are staphylococcus.

15. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, wherein the light is laser light or white light.

16. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the laser light is from a helium neon gas laser.

17. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the laser light has a wavelength of from 200 to 1060 nm.

18. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the laser has a power of from 1 to 100 mW and a beam diameter of from 1 to 10 mm.

19. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 18, wherein the light dose of laser irradiation is from 5 to 333 Jcm⁻².

20. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the light dose of white light is from 0.01 to 100 J/cm².

21. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 15, wherein the duration of irradiation is from one second to 15 minutes.

22. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, wherein the composition is present in or on the area to be treated at a concentration of from 0.00001 to 1% w/v.

23. (withdrawn) A method for treatment of the human or animal body, comprising administering an effective amount of a composition according to claim 1.

24. (withdrawn) A method for treatment of bacterial infection, comprising administering an effective amount of a composition according to claim 1.

25. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24, wherein the bacterial infection is *S. aureus*.

26. (withdrawn) A method of photodynamic therapy (PDT), wherein a bacteriophage is used as a targeting agent.

27. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 26, wherein the bacteriophage is a staphylococcal phage.

Claims 28-30 (canceled)

31. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, which further comprises calcium chloride.

32. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, wherein the bacteria are MRSA, EMRSA VRSA, hetero-VRSA or CA-MRSA.

33. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 24, wherein the bacterial infection is MRSA, EMRSA VRSA, hetero-VRSA or CA-MRSA.

34. (currently amended) A composition comprising a conjugate of (i) a photosensitiser selected from the group consisting of chlorins and phenothiaziniums and (ii) a staphylococcal bacteriophage, wherein the photosensitiser is covalently linked to the bacteriophage and wherein the conjugate is capable of specifically binding to target bacteria.

Claims 35-36 (canceled)

37. (new) A composition according to claim 34, wherein the bacteriophage is selected from the group consisting of phage 53, 75, 79, 80, 83, Φ 11, Φ 12, Φ 13, Φ 147, and Φ MR11.

38. (new-withdrawn) A method according to claim 27, wherein the photosensitiser is selected from the group consisting of chlorins and phenothiaziniums.

39. (new-withdrawn) A method of killing staphylococcus bacteria, comprising

- (a) contacting an area to be treated with a composition according to claim 34, such that any staphylococcus bacteria present bind to the photosensitiser-bacteriophage conjugate; and
- (b) irradiating the area with light at a wavelength absorbed by the photosensitiser.

40. (new-withdrawn) A method for treatment of the human or animal body, comprising administering an effective amount of a composition according to claim 34.

41. (new-withdrawn) A method for treatment of bacterial infection, comprising administering an effective amount of a composition according to claim 34.